(g) A statement indicating the sections on which passenger fares are levied on the basis of inflated distance is attached.

Statement

Railway	Name of the Section	Extent of Inflation in the Distance for Charge
South Central	Gooty-Dharmavaram	1½ times the actual distance.
	Castle Rock-Kalay	2¼ times the actual distance.
	Bibi Nagar-Nalgonda	1½ times the actual distance.
Northern	Ambala-Kalka	1⅓ times the actual distance.
	Kalka-Shimla	3 times the actual distance for 2nd class and 2 times the actual distance for Ist Class passengers.
	Jogindernagar-Pathankot	1⅓ times the actual distance.
Central	Neral-Matheran	6 times the actual distance.
Southern	Mettupalayam-Wellington	2¾ times the actual distance.
	Wellington-Udagamandalam	2 times the actual distance.
	Dharmavaram-Baiyyappanahalli	1½ times the actual distance.

Construction of National Highways by Private Sector

275. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have offered to private sector the construction of national highways which have a backlog of about 40,000 kilometres;

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditions of the offer as regards quality control, designs, necessary infrastrure, time-bound period of work, mode of payment for the work done and permission to levy Toll tax on road traffic, the period thereof etc.;

(c) what is the response in this regard; and

(d) whether private sector will also be involved in the construction and repair of the bridges on the Highways and if so, in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) The Government of India invited proposals from the private sector for taking up selectively certain toll based schemes on National Highways. Only a few concrete proposals were received from some firms with certain conditions like grant of concessions, loans, guarantees etc. which were not acceptable to Government of India.

Completion of Howrah-Sheakhaia Project

276. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 163 given